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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement.

Dear Sirs:

I believe, in particular, the current proposed DOJ final judgement:

Fails to reduce the application barrier to entry that Microsoft was found to have illegal protected.

Fails to remedy the illegal injury that Microsoft was found to have done to Netscape Navigator(TM) and the browser market.

Fails to curtail Microsoft's illegal bundling of middleware programs including browsers, media players, instant messaging software, and, in the future, possibly firewalls and anti-virus software into the monopoly Microsoft Windows(TM) operating system.

Is exceedingly ambiguous and easily subject to manipulation by Microsoft because the judgement lacks an effective enforcement mechanism.

Personally, I would have welcomed a settlement that addressed the numerous Sherman Act violations that were found by the District Court and upheld unanimously by the D.C. Circuit Court, but I feel this settlement is grossly insufficient to meet this goal.

In summary, I feel that the current proposed DOJ settlement falls far short of the goal set by the District Court ruling.

Sincerely,

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